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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
DIETER FOERSTER, ET AL. : EXAMINER: FLETCHER III, W. P.
SERIAL NO: 10/585,876 :
FILED: JULY 11, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1792
FOR: METHOD FOR THE CONTINUOUS :
COATING OF THE INSIDE OF AN
EXTRUDED HOLLOW PROFILED
MEMBER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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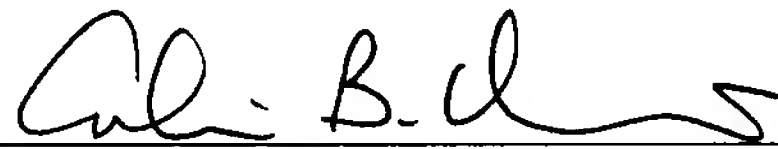
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 9, 2009, Applicants provisionally elect, *with traverse*, the invention of Group I, identified in the Restriction Requirement as including Claims 14-24. Applicants make this provisional election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Applicants further respectfully traverse this Restriction Requirement for the reason that Groups I-III do not lack “unity of invention,” as required by MPEP §1893.03(d) and 37 CFR §1.475 since this is a national stage application filed under 35 U.S.C. §371. This is evidenced by the Written Opinion of the International Search Authority (ISA), a copy of which was filed on February 24, 2009, and another copy of which is submitted herewith for the Examiner’s convenience. As Box No. IV on page 2 is not checked, the ISA agreed that the claims do not lack unity of invention.

Consequently, since the claims do not lack unity of invention, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn and that an action on the merits as to all of the pending claims is in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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